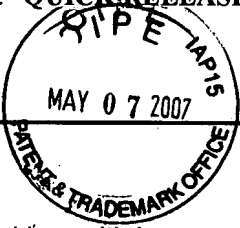
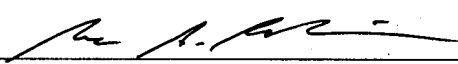





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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated February 6, 2007 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 2, 3, 5-10, 12-15 and 19-22 are pending in the application. Currently, Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 12-15 and 20-22 are rejected and Claims 5 and 19 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.